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PLAN HAS REAL MERIT

PERMANENT MARKET DAY IS PRACTICALLY ASSURED.

Committee Invites Albany Promoter to Visit Dallas and Outline Organization Scheme.

An enthusiastic committee of business men met on Monday evening and endorsed the plan of F. E. Davis to hold a monthly market day in Dallas for the benefit of the farmers of the county and the merchants of the city. A basic plan to insure the success of the market day will be the first undertaking of the representative committee that was appointed by President W. V. Fuller of the Commercial club. Mr. Davis has successfully outlined plans for the market day sales, which are to be held at the same time as a periodical exhibition of farm products, but since the scope of the venture is to be broadened to involve the entire community greater plans must be made.

Before any formal step is taken by the committee it will attempt to make arrangements with Mr. Fisher of Albany to come to Dallas and outline to the business men the plan that has resulted in such successful market days in Albany. Mr. Davis, as chairman of the local committee, wrote to Mr. Fisher early in the week, asking him to appear as a speaker at a banquet here within the next ten days. It is proposed to call a representative gathering of the city's merchants to meet at a banquet to hear Mr. Fisher and thus get a fundamental idea of the Albany plan. It is probable, since markets days in that city have been so successful, that the committee here will follow Mr. Fisher's suggestions closely.

The idea Mr. Davis had, when the market day sales were to be from his personal effort, was to have a monthly auction sale and trade day, when farmers and others could bring in those things that they had no use for and sell or trade them to some one who might be in need. This was to include anything and everything from livestock and farm machinery to produce. In addition he had hoped to secure an exhibition of orchard and garden products in season, and thus create a general interest in the venture. This plan will be extended along the same general line by the committee of seven, which is now in charge, but it will also include the participation of all mercantile establishments, where there will probably be special sales on some few articles. The market day will be such an important feature of the business routine after a short time that a building to house the sale and attendant displays will be required, if the committee's plans bear the fruit that is anticipated.

The proposed businessmen's banquet will probably be held within a week or ten days and immediately thereafter the committee will busy itself with the details of the scheme in order that the first monthly market day may be held about the last Saturday in next month. The committee includes F. E. Davis, chairman; A. S. Campbell, Harry Viers, Harry Price, Leif Finseth, Hugh Black and Walter Vassall.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS MEET.

J. E. Sibley Attends Salem Conference to Discuss Oregon Dry Law.

Affidavit forms necessary to obtain two dozen quarts of beer or two quarts of spirituous or vinous liquors after next December 31, were drafted at a conference of district attorneys held yesterday at Salem, and attended by District Attorney J. E. Sibley of Polk county. Sample affidavits were submitted at the meeting, the law specifying what shall be contained in each affidavit. Another matter the district attorneys discussed was that of having county commissioners place an item in the budget to cover expenses of special investigation of liquor law violations. Under the law, the district attorneys are to a large extent responsible for these investigations, and if they do not investigate and prosecute they are subject to dismissal from office. Therefore, to protect themselves, the prosecutors are making this advance effort to be certain that money will be appropriated for this special work.

Among the points of the law that were threshed out is whether a consumer can have two dozen quarts of beer and two quarts of liquor each month or whether he must choose between whisky and beer. The law reads "two quarts of spirituous or vinous liquors or two dozen quarts of beer," and there promises to be considerable controversy as to whether the "or" means "and" or if it is just the common, unrefined "or."

Orpheum Theater Closed.

The Orpheum theater exhibited its last motion picture in the big tent on Wednesday evening and will suspend production until the new Main street theater can be opened. Mr. Smith expects to be able to give the first show in the new home sometime before the holidays, although the present state of affairs makes it impossible for him to set the date. The new theater is to be the most modern in this part of the Willamette valley, and with a continuation of the feature films that have been shown in the tent, it will be a very popular amusement place.

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POACHERS ARE ARRESTED.

Five Pre-Season Hunters Will Be Tried This Afternoon.

Pheasant hunters were getting too enthusiastic in the McCoy neighborhood before the official opening of the season today and farmers in that district complained against them. Henry W. Domes, deputy game warden, filed complaints against five men who were killing birds on farms near his own on Monday, and on Wednesday Sheriff Orr brought an auto load of them to Dallas to appear before the justice of the peace. Those arrested were S. Shaeffer, J. Wright, H. A. Wright, Harry Statner and T. E. Statner, and the complaining witnesses were Henry W. Domes, Waldo J. Finn, Lee McKee and Roy Allen. One of the hunters had a sudden pugilistic notion when accosted and it is said that the farmer who came in contact with the blows the poacher showered upon him, received the worst of the deal. The quintet was released on its own recognizance until Friday at 1 o'clock, when the cases will be heard.

GRIDIRON DAYS NEAR

STUDENTS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FIRST TUSSELE.

J. E. French, Coach, Hopes to Mould Formidable Team From Unusually Light Material.

Plans for the football season were discussed on Monday evening at a meeting of the Boys' Athletic association of the Dallas high school, held in the auditorium. Manager Cutler and Captain Dennis of the football team conducted the meeting. Although a number of good men were lost by graduation last year, the boys believe that these will be easily replaced by the students who have enrolled this year, and members of the squad who did not play with the team last year. Active work in preparation for a strenuous season of play was started on Tuesday afternoon when Ray Boydston and Fred Gooch laid off a practice gridiron. The prospects who reported for the first practice were not as numerous as had been hoped for by the team's directors, but it is expected that the list will be increased each day.

J. E. French, who will coach the team this season, is busy at the state fair and will be unable to personally direct the efforts of the boys until he returns from Salem, but he is confident that he has a strong nucleus on which to work out a formidable organization. Mr. French has had considerable football experience and is well qualified to get the best from the team. He will begin his course of training about the first of the week and although he realizes the lightness of the players he believes they will make up for that lack through thoughtful work and speedy action.

High school girls, too, are already expressing their interest in the destinies of the football team. They are always interested spectators at the games, but this year are adding to their personal interest by enlisting the spirit of co-operation from townspeople. One lassie said: "We expect a much more enthusiastic bunch to witness our games this year than ever before, and the high school students will do their part if they can have the support of the citizens."

Salt Creek Road Improvement.

The work of rocking the Salt Creek road from the school house to the Savery corner is progressing very satisfactorily and under favorable weather conditions. Messrs. Fern and Halstead, the crushing contractors, have about fifteen men employed at the quarry, while five teams are hauling, the distance at present being approximately three miles. Ezra Hart and William Reddeopp have the hauling contract. When completed this highway will be in splendid shape. In asking for bids for crushing and hauling the county court called for 500 yards of material, more or less, but an additional 500 yards will probably be required to complete the mile and a quarter included in the improvement.

Pool Hall Closed.

E. A. Walker, who opened a pool and billiard hall in the Imperial hotel building about three months ago, has closed his place of business and has gone to Washington in search of a new location for the enterprise.

Undergoes Operation.

G. P. McGregor was operated on at a Portland hospital this week for stomach trouble. Mrs. McGregor accompanied her husband to the metropolitan.

ALLOWANCE FOR WIDOW

BENEFIT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT SHOWN.

Mrs. Full and Children Get Life Income From Fund Set Aside By State Commission.

The benefits to be derived by employers by acceptance of the workmen's compensation act are demonstrated in the case of Oscar N. Full, who was injured while employed at the Eagle Creek logging camp of the Charles K. Spaulding company above Black Rock, September 6, and who died a few days later at the Dallas hospital. The state industrial accident commission has made settlement in full to the widow and children of the unfortunate man by setting aside the sum of \$7,038.19, which the state treasurer is instructed to invest in school bonds for the benefit of the estate of the deceased. From this sum the commission will pay monthly to the widow the sum of \$30 and to each of two children \$6 a month until they reach the age of 16 years. The total amount to be paid out on this claim, if the widow lives her full age of expectancy, 35 years, 6 months and 29 days, would be \$14,428.20. The amount above that is set aside will be provided by the interest on that sum. The commission also paid funeral expenses of \$100.

The monthly payments of the widow and children are guaranteed by the state and are not subject to attachment by court proceedings nor to assignment, but must be paid direct to the widow herself, which assures her a means of support for life. In case she should remarry, ten monthly payments amounting to \$300 would be paid her in a lump sum and the balance of the fund canceled and transferred to the general fund, but the children would continue to draw \$6 a month each until they reach the age of 16 years.

ADDITION ROOM NEEDED.

Court House Accommodations Fast Becoming Inadequate.

The accommodations afforded by the present court house are fast becoming inadequate, and that an addition to the building will become necessary within the ensuing two years is the expressed opinion of Judge John B. Teal. And when this time arrives it is probable that provisions will be made for a jail, the present structure not only being of insufficient proportions but in a measure unfit for the purpose. It has been suggested that the court house be "raised" another story, thus giving one-third greater capacity to the building, but this plan has its disadvantages, besides being costly construction. The most feasible plan seems to be the building of an addition to the east, and this will probably be worked out in time.

RUSHING STREET WORK

FAIR WEATHER CAUSES PETER GREENWOOD TO SMILE.

Twenty-One Blocks Included in This Season's Improvements. Now on Uglow.

The last five or six blocks of street improvement work authorized by the city council this summer is being rapidly completed under the direction of Street Commissioner Peter Greenwood. The total surface construction will cover twenty-one blocks. Of this fifteen blocks are already completed, according to Mr. Greenwood. On three blocks on Ash street, where seven were to be improved, "number three" rock is being spread, and the Birch street improvement covering one block is finished. A force of men is at work on Uglow avenue where, provided good weather, their work should be complete within three weeks. The last two blocks proposed for improvement on Uglow avenue will require a fill of about 300 yards, and if rain prevents rock being spread, this section of the street would be in very bad condition for winter traffic, and hence it is probable that this part of the work will not be undertaken this season. With the completion of the improvements now under way Dallas will be very well equipped with macadamized streets, although this will not bring to an end their improvement, and with few exceptions the streets within the city will be in excellent condition for the winter.

Another Decline in Sugar.

There was a decline of 10 cents a hundred in local prices of refined sugar this morning. During the month of September there were four reductions, aggregating 70 cents, in sugar quotations. Sugar prices today are \$1.55 a sack cheaper than on the same date last year.

FIRST PRIZE FOR POLK

BLUE RIBBON AWARDED POLK COUNTY EXHIBIT AT FAIR.

Hard Work and Splendid Display Brings Great Honor to County. Best Exhibit at State Fair.

The Blue Ribbon County. That is Polk! A jubilant voice on the long distance telephone, late yesterday afternoon, advised Polk county people, those of them who are proud of the showing the old county can make when she puts on her Sunday clothes and parades before admiring thousands at the state fair, that the big, blue and very important first prize ribbon for the best exhibit in its division had been awarded to Polk county. And with the news came joy to many Dallas people and others throughout the county who were fortunate enough to hear it. It means a grand climax to the years of patient effort on the part of the citizens of the county. Of course they have known all the time that the county was entitled to the blue ribbon, but it has been a question to get people to contribute their products and their time toward making a successful exhibit at the state fair. This year J. E. French, Mrs. Winnie Braden, H. L. Fenton and several others whose efforts counted for almost as much, got into the work of assembling and exhibiting Polk county's prize winning products, and they got into it deeply. The result—well the folks will be home tomorrow night and they will bring the blue ribbon.

The first prize ribbon was awarded to Polk county's exhibit over all others in the division, with a score of 93 1/2 points, or one quarter of a point more than the score made by the old standby, Benton county. Lane county was only one quarter of a point behind Benton and half a point lower than Polk. This is not the highest score ever received by a blue ribbon county, nor is it the highest ever received by Polk county. But the judging was more careful and more stringent rules applied to entry and exhibition this year than heretofore so that Polk county justly considers that it has won the highest honor ever bestowed upon a county by virtue of its display at the state fair. With a blue ribbon for the county exhibit and the same honor for the industrial school display tucked away in the strong box, old Polk will rest on her well-earned laurels until next year, when she will repeat the performance of winning the two most important prizes offered in one year. The county enjoyed a progressive evolution in developing into the prize winning class. From a very mediocre showing only a few years ago, the county came very close to first prize last year and was forced to take second place by a very small margin.

ANOTHER BLUE RIBBON

SCHOOL EXHIBIT CARRIES OFF HONORS AT STATE FAIR.

Polk County Industrial Display Paid Highest Compliment Among the Competitors for Prize.

Prominently displayed in the exhibit of the Polk county schools at the fifty-fourth annual Oregon State fair is a pretty blue ribbon, the emblem of superiority, awarded by a number of competent judges, in contest with the school exhibitions from many other counties. The judges attached the first prize to the exhibit from the schools of this county on Wednesday and thereby paid a high tribute to those institutions and their management. Not only the children but every instructor in the county has taken an interested and active part in the creation of a prize winning exhibition, and their results were very capably shown at the county fair last week, where the school industrial department was a feature.

A great deal of the credit for the success of the county school exhibit at the state fair belongs to H. C. Seymour, superintendent of Polk county school, and the H. H. Parsons, school supervisor. These gentlemen have worked faithfully and diligently in behalf of the display that has been honored at Salem and merit the thanks of those who are interested in Polk county's industrial school superiority.

Polk county's award denotes the school exhibit as the best in the first division which embraces all counties west of the Cascade mountains. As schools beyond the mountains are less developed than those in the first division and also work at an advantage, the award means that the exhibit is the best one entered. The awards on Wednesday were as follows: Polk county, first; Lane county, second; Douglas county, third; Tillamook county, fourth; Clackamas county,

fifth. In the second division Wasco county was first, Malheur county second and Morrow county third. The basis of awards follows: Field products 20 points, garden products 25 points, domestic science 30 points, club work 15 points; possible score 100.

MONMOUTH STUDENTS ELECT.

Activities of Student Body Will Be Confined to Normal Campus.

On Tuesday the student body of the Monmouth Normal school held its semi-annual election of officers and honored a Washington county man with the presidency of the organization. Officers are elected for one semester and have charge of student body activities under directions from and control of the president of the school. A rule has been adopted that will confine student body activities to the campus of the institution in the future. The newly elected officers are:

Harold Benjamin of Washington county, president; Laura Ball of Polk county, vice-president; Ellen McDonald of Hood River, secretary; Clarice Oaks of Multnomah county, treasurer; Jack Wood of Columbia county, sergeant at arms; Frank Brumbaugh of Lane county, editor; Harry Brookhardt of Douglas county, athletic manager; Chad C. Newhouse W. C. Hopper, Lane; Edith Buell, Coos, executive committee; Fay Barnes, Multnomah, Buena Temple, Linn, social committee; Harold Tallman, Benton, business manager.

TAX PAYMENTS HEAVY

PENALTY AND INTEREST ARE ATTACHED OCTOBER FIRST.

Total Tax Delinquency Estimated to Be Considerably Smaller Than in Previous Years.

Today a penalty of ten per cent was added to about \$5,000 or \$6,000 of delinquent taxes by Sheriff Orr's office. Yesterday was the final day of grace for the payment of taxes for the second half of 1914, and all unpaid taxes automatically became delinquent, including those to which the penalty was attached on September 1. Payments on second half taxes are coming in each day, and the greater portion was paid before the last day.

There is a great amount of unopened mail in the sheriff's office which contains tax checks and it is impossible, until this has been opened, to determine the total delinquency. However, the unpaid taxes are estimated at between \$5,000 and \$7,000. On Monday the office was deluged with payments both personal and through the mail and this was recorded as the banner day for collections. A penalty of ten per cent was attached to all unpaid taxes today and in addition to that the assessments will bring interest at 12 per cent from October 1, until paid.

HUGS, WIGGLES, DIPS BARRED.

Old-Fashioned Dances of By-Gone Days Coming Back.

No hugs, no wiggles, no dips, no body swaying movements and a great revival of the "regular" waltz of ten years ago—that is the dancing master's decree for the coming season. All the new dances will be modest and discreet. There will be an effort on the part of dancing masters all over the country to simplify the art terpsichorean. Immodest and suggestiveness in all styles of dancing will be cut out, say the authorities. There is a new and more modest position for this season's dancers, too, and the man's right arm, which encircles the girl, and her left arm, which rests on his, will be held at shoulder height, a pose that keeps the bodies usually far apart and prevents dipping and lurching of the lame duck variety. Also the man is allowed to rest only his thumb and the tips of two fingers on the girl's back, instead of the whole hand, as heretofore. Thus there is less danger of his mauling or soiling her blouse.

Despite the fact that this winter's dancing is to be more than chimerical pure—even antiseptic and asexual—there will be no waning in the popularity of the dance on that account. On the contrary, the dancing mania has yet to reach its height. People are more eager than ever for simple dances, and favor those which they can perform with ease and enjoyment, with conversation instead of constant counting and brain racking. The knee must be kept straight, the rules specify, and all the work must be done with the foot. Dips, swaying, wiggling and the like are barred. The tempo of the dances will be about the same—perhaps a trifle slower, but the movements have been so simplified and co-ordinated that the dancing will appear to be slower, smoother and more graceful.

H. D. Evans of Aurora spent Wednesday transacting business in this city. He was accompanied by Frank Lasky of Hillsboro.

SHOWS CHANGE HANDS

OTIS SMITH CONTROLS MOTION PICTURE BUSINESS HERE.

New Orpheum Theater Will Be Completed Soon—W. A. Ayres Retires from Field.

A big deal was made in the local amusement field yesterday morning, when Otis Smith, owner of the Orpheum theater, purchased all equipment, rights and good will of the Grand theater from W. A. Ayres. The consideration will not be mentioned. The transaction leaves Mr. Smith the only motion picture exhibitor in the city. It has been appreciated by both gentlemen for some time that there was not sufficient field for two picture houses in Dallas, and it has long been merely a question of which producer procured the best pictures, and patronage was diverted accordingly. The purchase by Mr. Smith relieves this stress in the matter of patronage, but the new controller of the amusement business promises to continue showing the same high-class pictures that have been featured since the opening of the big tent. In fact, the productions are very likely to improve, since Mr. Smith will be in a better position to secure the best obtainable pictures for Dallas. He has had much experience as a producer and has learned the likes and dislikes of the local patrons to so great an extent that he has been very successful in buying winning pictures.

Mr. Ayres will retire altogether from the picture business here, and thereby releases his rights to the Star theater on Main street, which he has reserved, since occupying the Grand theater, for special week-end shows. The new Orpheum, which takes the room occupied by the Star, is only half completed because of the occupancy of the remaining space. Mr. Ayres having relinquished the building, and lease, construction on the new Orpheum will be rushed to completion. It is to be one of the most modern show houses in the valley and will be thoroughly equipped with large stage, many exits and up-to-date seats and furnishings. It is expected that the new show house will be ready for occupancy at least a month before the time set in original plans. The Grand theater will retain that name, and when the new house is done Mr. Smith will transfer his main show to that building under the name of the Orpheum. It is probable that week-end productions will be offered at the Grand.

ASTRAY ON THE CAMPUS.

Liquor Causes Trouble To Polk Children at Corvallis.

Yesterday an aged couple from Polk county started in their automobile for Philomath to visit some friends and relatives, says the Gazette-Times. As they passed through Independence the man got a bottle of whiskey and drank some of it. By the time they reached Corvallis the man was seeing things and drove out to the college campus and got lost. Last night he drove his car onto the curb at Tenth and Jefferson and some students, who witnessed his driving, fearing an accident might happen, pulled the key and killed his engine. They notified the chief of police, who found that the man was in no condition to drive the car, and that his wife was afraid to ride with him. Chief Wells hired a student to drive the car and sent them home. The man resented being forced to sit in the back seat and be taken home, but when he was given the alternative to quieting down and be taken home or spending the night in the city jail he decided to get into the back seat of the machine.

Adelphian Society Elects.

The Adelphian Literary society of the Dallas high school held its first meeting on Wednesday evening with the attendance showing a good increase over last year. About fifteen of the new students were voted into membership in the organization and will be initiated into its dark and mysterious paths at the "high jinks" at the next meeting on Wednesday. After reading the constitution of the society for the benefit of the new members officers for the year were elected. Those who will preside over the society and its work are Glen Holman, president; Edgar Winfers, vice-president; Elmer Butz, secretary and treasurer; Evelyn Craven, editor-in-chief and Irving Baldere, sergeant at arms.

Fire Fighting Costs.

Fire-fighting in Oregon, Washington and Alaska, since July 1, has cost the government \$50,000. Most of the fires were prevented from doing any material damage to merchantable timber. The majority of them were confined to old burns.

B. McShene, one of the Espee's keenest "Sherlock Holmes," is spending several days in Dallas on an investigation. Mr. McShene arrived on Wednesday.